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SARATOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL

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AN OPEN-COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR

**INFORMATION PROCESSING SPECIALIST I**  
#601

**INFORMATION PROCESSING SPECIALIST I**, Saratoga County. The results of this exam will be used to fill vacancies as they occur in all agencies under the jurisdiction of the Saratoga County Personnel Department, INCLUDING School Districts, Town, Villages, and County Departments.

**SALARY:** County Offices: \$32,455/yr -----Other: Varies With Location

**LAST DATE TO FILE: AUGUST 26, 2009**

**DATE OF EXAMINATION: SEPTEMBER 26, 2009**

**NOTICE:** **RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS-HANDICAPPED PERSONS:** If special arrangements for testing are required, indicate this on your application form.

**RESIDENTS:** Candidates must have been legal residents of New York State for at least FOUR months immediately preceding the date of the test. Pursuant to subdivision 4a of Sec. 23 of the Civil Service Law, preference may be given to successful candidates who have been legal residents of the municipality to which the appointment is to be made for at least FOUR months preceding the date of the written test.

**APPLICATION FEE:** A mandated examination fee of \$7.50 has been imposed by New York State on all Municipalities under the jurisdiction of NYS Civil Service beginning October 1, 1989 for each separate numbered examination for which you apply. However, the "Saratoga County Legislative Board" passed a resolution to absorb this fee for all Saratoga County Residents only. All other applicants must submit the \$7.50 fee for each exam that they apply for. Please make checks payable to the **Saratoga County Treasurer's Office**.

**APPLICATION FEE WAIVER:** A waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of a household. In addition, a waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are determined eligible for Medicaid, or receiving Supplemental Security Income payments, or Public Assistance (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/Family Assistance or Safety Net Assistance) or are certified Job Training Partnership Act/Workforce Investment Act eligible through a State or local social service agency. **All claims for application fee waiver are subject to verification. If you can verify eligibility for application fee waiver, complete a "Request for Application Fee Waiver and Certification" form and submit it with your application by the close of business on the Application Deadline as listed on the Examination Announcement. A copy of this document can be obtained from the Saratoga County Personnel office. All examination fees are non-refundable.**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** This position involves responsibility for operating information processing equipment in accordance with programmed instructions by manipulation of a standard alpha-numeric keyboard and related peripheral equipment to a record, edit, store and revise correspondence, reports, statistical, accounting and a variety of other forms of data. Information processing equipment includes; a remote computer terminal linked to a mainframe computer, stand alone internal processing unit such as a micro-computer, or similar computer equipment. This position does not involve responsibilities in the areas of programming or systems analysis. However, an incumbent may modify or merge existing software packages or other program language in accomplishing word processing and other micro-computer functions. Additionally, when not engaged in equipment operation, an incumbent performs a variety of clerical duties. In order to be classified as an Information Processing Specialist I, this position must have been responsibility for operating equipment approximately 70% of the work time. Positions utilizing this equipment less than approximately 70% of the work time are classified in another appropriate series based on duties and responsibility performed, such as Account Clerk, Clerk, or Stenographer. The work is performed under the general supervision of a higher level employee. Does related work as required.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** EITHER:

- A. Graduation from high school or possession of a GED plus successful completion of a course or training program in the operation of information processing equipment; OR
- B. Graduation from high school or possession of a GED and six (6) months of experience in the operation of information processing equipment; Or
- C. Two (2) years of experience outlines in (B) above; OR
- D. An equivalent combination of training and experience as defined by the limits of (A), (B), and (C) above.

**THE WRITTEN TEST** will be designed to measure knowledge, skills and/or abilities in such areas as:

**1. Spelling:**

These questions are designed to test a candidate's ability to spell words the office employee might encounter in their daily work.

**2. Alphabetizing:**

These questions are designed to test a candidate's ability to file material accurately in alphabetic order.

**3. Clerical Operations With Letters and Numbers:**

These questions are designed to test a candidate's visual perception and basic clerical accuracy in working with alphanumeric characters. The candidate is required to read, compare, check, reorder, and count letters and numbers following specific directions for each question. Knowledge of the alphabet and the ability to count are required.

**NOTICE TO CANDIDATES:** The use of quiet, hand-held, solar or battery-powered calculators are recommended. Devices with 'Typewriter Keyboards,' 'Spell Checkers,' 'Personal Digital Assistants,' 'Address Books,' 'Language Translators,' 'Dictionaries,' 'or any similar devices are prohibited.'

**PERFORMANCE TEST:** Candidates who receive a passing score on the written test must also qualify on the performance test in typing. The typing test will consist of a test in accuracy and speed of typing at a minimum acceptable rate of 35 words per minute. The use of "Line-a-time," "Error-no", or any other copyholder device is permitted for the typing performance test. Candidates who use these devices must provide their own.

**RETEST PERFORMANCE POLICY:** Candidates will only be given three consecutive attempts to pass the performance section of this exam. A candidate who fails their first performance will be retested after 30 days has elapsed.

**WAIVER POLICY:** If a candidate has already passed a 35 word per minute or higher typing test administered by a Municipal Civil Services Agency; the New York State Division of Employment; or the New York State Department of Civil Service within 4 years of the date of the written test, the typing performance test may be waived. A candidate requesting a waiver must submit verifiable evidence of qualifying. Information submitted must contain the title and location of the typing test, the test date and the passing speed.

**ELIGIBLE LIST:** A candidate's eligibility begins when his or her name is placed on the eligible list and continues for a minimum of one year.

**SECTION 85a OF THE CIVIL SERVICE LAW:** In conformance with section 85-a of the Civil Service Law, children of firefighters and police officers killed in the line of duty shall be entitled to receive an additional ten points in a competitive examination for original appointment in the same municipality in which his or her parent has served. If you are qualified to participate in this examination and are a child of a firefighter or police officer killed in the line of duty in this municipality, please inform this office of this matter when you submit your application for examination. A candidate claiming such credit has a minimum of two months from the application deadline to provide the necessary documentation to verify additional credit eligibility. However, no credit may be added after the eligible list has been established.

**SECTION 243-b** Provides that any member of the armed forces of the United States who had duly filed an application to compete in a scheduled competitive examination, but was deprived of the opportunity to compete in a scheduled competitive examination due to active military duty be provided with a special military makeup examination

**VETERAN CREDITS:** For the purpose of claiming veteran credits on a Civil Service examination, an applicant must have served in the armed forces of the United States at any time during the following periods:

World War II—December 7, 1941 to and including December 31, 1946

Korean War—June 27, 1950 to and including January 31, 1955

Vietnam Conflict—February 28, 1961 until May 7, 1975

Lebanon – June 1, 1983 – December 1, 1987

Grenada – October 23, 1983 – November 21, 1983

Panama – December 20, 1989 – January 31, 1990

Persian Gulf – August 2, 1990 to the end of such hostilities (not yet determined)

- For hostilities in Lebanon, Grenada, and Panama, the individual must have received the Armed Forces, Navy, or Marine Corps expeditionary medal.
- Beginning January 1, 1998, the NYS Constitution allows members of the US Armed Forces who are on active duty (other than for training purposes) the right to request **extra War Time Veterans Credits** on a civil service examinations prior to discharge.

If you are currently on active duty, you may request the addition of veterans credits to your examinations score. You must request the extra credits on your examination application in the space provided. If you pass the examination, the credits will be added automatically. To use the extra credits at the time of appointment you must have received an honorable discharge, be a US citizen, and be a resident of New York State. The extra credits can only be used for one NY local Government permanent appointment.

**SECTION 23.2:** This entire examination is prepared and rated by the New York State Department of Civil Service in accordance with Section 23-2 of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of the New York State Civil Service Rules and Regulations which deal with the rating of examinations will apply.

**APPLICATIONS:** You may get application forms by writing, down loading from our web site @ WWW.SARATOGACOUNTY.NY.GOV, phoning #885-2225 or by calling in person at the Saratoga County Personnel Department, 40 McMaster Street, Ballston Spa, NY 12020. Time and place of the examination will be mailed to approved candidates one week to 10 days before the date of the examination.

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